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Remarks:

thanks muchly for material on "Inter-Press"

you might want to add attached to your files (I have copied just fore and aft pages of latest issue of LATIN AMERICA -- for reference on back to Inter-Press)

name a day next week, pls, for lunah with [] and myself?

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Friday, 3 November 1972
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far Chile's best agrarian expert, from
of agriculture, would itself be a serious
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arrest by the armed forces of
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between the civilian govern-
he military.

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civilian political establishment, none
ownright offensive as the arrest last
prominent Colorado politician Jorge
ler of the Unidad y Reforma faction
of the Colorado Party, a faction sometimes known
as List 15, and as a man with wide-ranging business
interests, Batlle is the type of politician for whom
certain sectors of the armed forces have been
gunning for some time. Indeed rumours had been
flying about Montevideo that, with the help of
detained Tupamaros, some units had been collect-
ing evidence to charge him with illegal currency
transactions and other profiteering. These rumours
stung Batlle to reply last week with a broadcast
denouncing military interference in politics, and
suggesting that any officer who cooperated over
anything at all with the Tupamaros should be
cashiered for 'treating with the enemy'.
This was the last straw for the armed forces, and

this the opposition parties can muster. To impeach
the President, which the right-wing Partido
Nacional is also demanding, the opposition would
have to control two thirds of the seats in each
chamber; at present they are just short of this total.
But Allende may well call the opposition's bluff.
When he was forced to dismiss José Tohá and
Hernán del Canto, the two previously impeached
ministers of the interior, he immediately gave them
other cabinet posts. Tohá, in fact, is still minister
of defence, while del Canto, as one of the ministers
standing in the elections, was expected to resign
this weekend as secretary general of the govern-
ment (minister without portfolio). This time the